

Agency: Department of Transportation/Public Facilities**Project Title:**

Gastineau Channel Crossing EIS

State Funding Requested: \$ 2,600,000
One-Time Need**House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)****Brief Project Description:**

Complete Funding for Second Crossing EIS.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$5,500,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$2,900,000	07				
Total	\$2,900,000					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The City and Borough of Juneau has identified the North Douglas Crossing of the Gastineau Channel as a top transportation priority for Juneau. Project objectives include:

- 1) Allow more direct access to West Douglas Island (beyond the end of North Douglas Highway) to serve planned residential, industrial, port, commercial and recreation uses.
- 2) Improve emergency response and transportation safety.
- 3) Improve access and travel efficiency between the Juneau mainland and Douglas Island.

Upon completion of the EIS, funding plans can be finalized for the project. Construction cost estimates range from \$50-65 million.

A Crossing on the north side of Douglas Island is at the top of the list for Emergency Planning and public safety in Juneau. Completion of this EIS is the first step toward providing an essential link to economic development of the west side of Douglas. Federal 4-f issues will be mitigated by amendment of the Mendenhall Wetlands management plan to identify a crossing corridor, as provided in AS 16.20.034(i).

Project Timeline:

EIS work can begin as early as fall of 2009.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

DOT&PF

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No